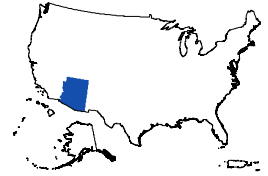


2000 Environmental Quality Incentives Program



Customer Focus—

Farmers of the Red Willow area,
Navajo Nation

Farmers in the Red Willow area have dependable water after installing 9,000 feet of irrigation pipelines. The first irrigation water flowed from Chuska Lake through new irrigation pipes to 95 fields this year in May. The project makes more efficient use of water drawn from the lake. Previously the water flowed through earthen ditches, which lost large amounts of water through infiltration and evaporation.

Water use efficiency will be further increased in the future through land leveling and expanding the on-farm delivery systems. Farming in the area has been practiced for more than 1,500 years, and probably for as many as 3,200 years, according to NRCS archaeologists. EQIP is enabling these farmers to maintain the cultural traditions passed down through the generations.

Arizona Summary

Overview

Arizona had overwhelming interest from landowners and American Indian Nations in 2000. Applicants requested almost 7 million dollars in cost-share assistance this year. NRCS assisted landowners to establish conservation plans and contracts for 5 million dollars. Two million of the obligated funds went to individual Indians or Indian tribes.

Accomplishments

Installation of 9,000 feet of irrigation pipeline will supply approximately 1,200 acres of farmland with more dependable water. A field day was held in May 2000, to demonstrate use of the pipeline and different irrigation methods, which could be used in conjunction with the pipeline. Approximately 40 local farmers and their families attended.

Outlook

Increased irrigation efficiencies is just one of the critical resource concerns in a state that receives extremely limited rainfall. Additional funding would enable landowners to address resource concerns and improve the overall health of all lands in Arizona. Demand for EQIP funds has exceeded availability in Arizona for each year of the program.

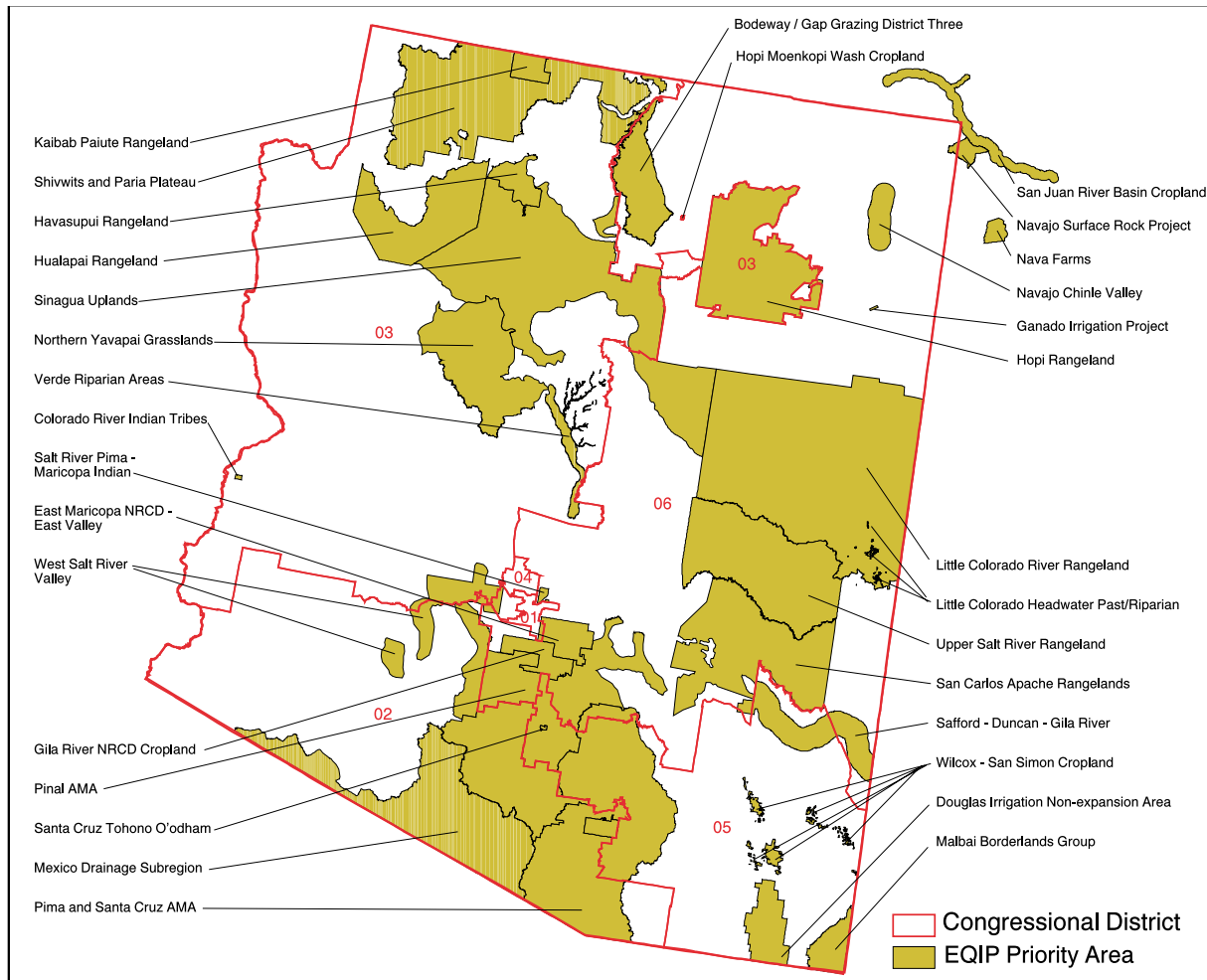
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Arizona EQIP Priority Areas Within Congressional Districts



Arizona EQIP Dollars and Contracts by Congressional District

Congressional Districts	Fiscal Year 2000		Cumulative Total (97-00)	
	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts
Statewide Concerns	\$645,983	34	\$1,899,731	119
District 1	66,305	3	612,554	23
District 2	786,318	36	1,845,671	92
District 3	623,431	20	2,450,739	151
District 5	638,450	15	2,631,342	108
District 6	2,004,773	92	5,950,595	273
State Totals	\$4,765,260	200	\$15,390,632	766

Note: EQIP contracts for each Congressional District are estimated from Conservation Priority Areas which may include more than one district. Congressional District 0 = EQIP Contracts for Statewide Natural Resource Concerns which can be in any Congressional District in the state

Source: FSA Recordset type01, data through 4th quarter FY2000

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